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1. FINAL CONFERENCE PLENARY MEETINGS CONTINUE ON SCHEDULE. WORK ON PROTOCOL I IS ESSENTIALLY FINISHED. ALL ARTICLES (102), ANNEXES (16 ARTICLES), AND TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR PROTOCOL I HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. MOST ARTICLES HAVE NEW NUMBERS AS A RESULT OF REALIGNMENT, AND FUTURE REFERENCE TO ARTICLES WILL BE CONFUSING.

2. WORK ON PROTOCOL II (NON-INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICTS) BEGAN ON JUNE 2, AND HAS BEEN SLOW AND TEDIOUS THUS FAR. PAKISTAN-SPONSORED SIMPLIFIED DRAFT OF PROTOCOL II WHICH CONTAINS 24 ARTICLES COMPARED TO 49 ARTICLES IN DRAFT PROTOCOL II AS ADOPTED BY COMMITTEES IS BEING USED AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. IT APPEARS THAT THE RESULT WILL BE A SIMPLIFIED AND SHORTENED VERSION.

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3. DURING THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 2, THE IRAQI DELEGATE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF ISRAEL AT THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE BASIS THAT ISRAEL WAS NOT WORTHY OF BEING ADMITTED TO A CONFERENCE DEVOTED TO INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW. THE IRAQI STATEMENT WAS IDENTICAL TO THE ONE PUBLISHED IN THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT OF 1976. AUSTRALIA, U.S., NICARAGUA AND THAILAND REITERATED THEIR VIEWS

ON THE INAPPROPRIATENESS OF THE STATEMENT AND THE SUBJECT
MATTER IN THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE REPORT WILL
REFLECT THE DEBATE BY REPEATING WHAT IS STATED IN THE 1976
COMMITTEE REPORT. IT CAN BE ANTICIPATED THAT IRAQ AND SOME ARAB
COUNTRIES MIGHT ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE CONFERENCE CONDEMN ISRAEL
IN SOME MANNER DURING THE FINAL DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. CONFERENCE PLENARY SCHEDULE FOR FINAL WEEK CALLS FOR COMPLE-
TION OF PROTOCOL II, EXCEPT PREAMBLE, ON JUNE 6; ADOPTION OF PRE-
AMBLES FOR BOTH PROTOCOLS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS ON
JUNE 7; FINAL VOTE ON PROTOCOLS I AND II ON JUNE 8; AND
SIGNATURE OF FINAL ACT ON JUNE 10. SORENSON

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